

Youth and Climate in the Mediterranean+25 Virtual Forum

Workshop 5. Influencing Decision Making

Wednesday December 9th

Organizers:

CADS. Advisory Council on Sustainable Development of Catalonia
MEDECC, Mediterranean Experts in Climate and Environmental Change
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Description.

A few weeks ago MEDECC presented the First Scientific Assessment of Report on Climate and Environmental Change in the Mediterranean. Prof. Llasat and Prof. Turhan are two of the scientists that participated in this report.

In this workshop we will analyze the role of scientists in the decision making process of environmental sound policies and the role of youth organizations, and universities in mobilizing towards a greener agenda using contrasted scientific evidence.

The main questions are then:

- What is the role of scientific research in the environmental political debate in the Mediterranean.? How can we avoid fake news or misleading scientific reports?
- How could young people in the Mediterranean, could mobilize to influence environmental decision making? and how to get and use reliable scientific data for their claims?

We will analyze four poignant issues in the Mediterranean

- a. Water conflicts
- b. Human Security - Environmental Migrations
- c. Socio Ecological Transformations
- d. Climate Risks

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Empowering young people as actors of social and climate transformation is directly linked to the promotion of democratic governance and public participation. Which are the mechanisms and tools that young people have in order to reach Euro-Mediterranean public institutions and regional actors? What space and impact do youngsters have in climate fora at international and regional level? The objective of this workshop is to analyse and give voice to young people in the decision-making process of public policies on environmental and climate issues and in the development of regional projects and initiatives in the Mediterranean. To do so, this workshop will analyse the impact of their projects on the current climate emergency debate, opening a space for project building while facilitating the incidence of their actions in decision making.

Session 2: International&Regional Involvement of Youth in Climate Action

10 December 2020, 10:00-12:00

Draft programme

Moderator: Mediterranean Youth Climate Network (MYCN)

- 10:00 – 10:15** **MYCN: untapping the potential of Mediterranean Youth in Climate Action** – Ms. Hajar Khamlichi, President of MYCN / Ms. Soumeya Lerari, Vice-President of MYCN
- 10:15 – 10:30** **Youth for climate: reaching the international scene** – Ms. Marie-Claire Graf, Focal Point at UNFCCC & Co-Founder of YOUNGO
- 10:30 – 10:45** **Towards "Youth4Climate: Driving Ambition" (Sept 2021): example of institutional support** – (tbc)
- 10:45 – 11:15** **Mobilisation of youth:**
- **Advocacy through the implication at decision-making spheres** – Mr. Neeshad Shafi, Environmental Engineer, Executive Board Member of Climate Action Network (CAN)
 - **Advocacy through knowledge sharing and information dissemination** – Mr. Karim Elgendy, Architect and Sustainability Consultant; Co-founder and Coordinator of Carboun
- 11:15 – 11:30** **Youth in motion: example of a success story** – Ms. Giulia Marzetti, Chemical Engineer; Project management and sustainability professional
- 11:30 – 11:55** **Q&A**
- 11:55 – 12:00** **Wrap up and conclusions**

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December 10, 2020 – 16.00-18.00 CET – Online

Workshop n°5

« INFLUENCING DECISION-MAKING »

Proposed by the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission Youth Council

16.00-16.15 – Presentation of the Youth Council

This short session will be dedicated to the presentation and the timeline of the creation of the Intermediterranean Commission Youth Council, in order to understand the potentialities of articulating the voice of the Youth with political decision-making of regional governments in the Mediterranean.

16.15-16.25 – Introducing the workshop's objectives

This workshop has a double objective:

- To identify issues related to youth action for climate and the action of the regions in this respect. These reflections should lead to the elaboration of recommendations to contribute to the final declaration on Climate of the Catalan Youth and Climate Forum.
- Following the debate, also to identify thematic work lines that can be developed in the framework of the future activities of the Intermediterranean Commission Youth Council, being it for example a draft project.

16.25-16.45 – Part 1: Identification of the challenges and the opportunities

Using an online and interactive survey tool, participants will decide on the different challenges and opportunities that could improve the consideration of youth climate action among regional policy makers in the Mediterranean.

16.25-17.00 – Part 2: Focus groups

Distribution of the participants into small groups to allow for more concrete exchanges on the previously identified topics. The objective of these divisions is to formulate recommendations that respond respectively to each of the challenges and opportunities identified, to be discussed in plenary afterwards.

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17.00-17.25 – Part 3: Collective discussion

After the focus groups, the proposals of recommendation articles will be presented in the plenary, debated with the participants in order to agree on wording, and finally validated. These recommendations, in the form of “articles,” will then be transmitted to feed into the Final Declaration of the Climate Forum.

17.25-17.45 – Part 4: Towards the future

Through an online and interactive survey tool, participants will be able to express their interest concerning the previously discussed topics and identify which ones should be prioritised to work with the Regions in the framework of the IMC Youth Council. These exchanges could be the starting point for future projects.

17.45-18.00 – Conclusions and next steps

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Forum Virtuel Jeunesse et Climat en Méditerranée +25

10 décembre 2020 – 16.00-18.00 CET – En ligne

Workshop n°5

« IMPACT SUR LA PRISE DE DECISION »

Proposé par le Conseil Jeunesse de la Commission interméditerranéenne de la CRPM

16.00-16.15 – Présentation du Conseil de la Jeunesse

Cette courte session sera dédiée à la présentation et à l'historique de la création du Conseil de la Jeunesse de la Commission interméditerranéenne, afin de comprendre quelles sont les potentialités d'articuler la voix de la jeunesse avec la prise de décisions politiques des gouvernements régionaux en Méditerranée.

16.15-16.25 – Introduction sur les objectifs de l'atelier

Cet atelier a un objectif double :

- Identifier des problématiques en lien avec l'action de la jeunesse pour le climat et l'action des régions en ce sens. Ces réflexions doivent permettre d'élaborer des recommandations pour contribuer à la déclaration finale sur le Climat du Forum Catalan de la Jeunesse et le Climat.
- Suite aux débats, identifier aussi des pistes de travail thématiques pouvant être développées dans le cadre des futures activités du Conseil de la Jeunesse de la Commission interméditerranéenne, constituant par exemple une ébauche de projet.

16.25-16.45 – Partie 1 : Identification des défis et opportunités

Via un outil de sondage en ligne et interactif, les participant-e-s pourront décider des différents défis et opportunités qui pourraient permettre d'améliorer la prise en compte de l'action jeunesse pour le climat auprès des décideurs politiques régionaux en Méditerranée.

16.25-17.00 – Partie 2 : Groupes de réflexions

Répartition des participant-e-s en petits groupes permettant d'échanger plus concrètement sur les sujets précédemment identifiés. L'objectif de ces divisions est de pouvoir formuler des recommandations répondant respectivement à chacun des défis et opportunités identifiés, pour une restitution globale en plénière par la suite.

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17.00-17.25 – Partie 3 : Restitution commune

Suite aux groupes de réflexions, restitution en plénière des propositions d'articles de recommandations par groupe, débat avec les participant·e·s pour accorder des formulations, et validation finale. Ces recommandations, sous forme d'« articles », seront ensuite transmises pour alimenter la Déclaration finale de ce Forum sur le Climat.

17.25-17.45 – Partie 4 : Vers le futur

Via un outil de sondage en ligne et interactif, les participant·e·s pourront exprimer leur intérêt sur les points précédemment discutés et identifier lesquels devraient en priorité faire l'objet d'un travail avec les Régions dans le cadre du Conseil de la Jeunesse de la Commission interméditerranéenne. Ces échanges pourront être le point de départ de futurs projets.

17.45-18.00 – Conclusions et prochaines étapes

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